

REMARKS

The Office Action of June 1, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

Claims 1 to 13 are all the claims pending in the application, prior to the present amendment.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 12 and 13 contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly, applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 12 and have canceled claim 12. In addition, applicants have amended claim 13 to depend from claim 1 instead of canceled claim 12.

In view of these amendments, applicants submit that the six separate rejections of the claims over prior art that are set forth in the Office Action have been overcome and that this application is now in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Appln. No.: 10/600,831

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

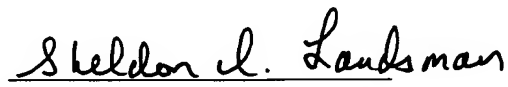
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